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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING PRESSURE IN A SURGICAL
TOURNIQUET

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

The references cited in this Supplemental Disclosure Statement have already been considered by the Examiner in the present Application because these references were considered in the parent Application of the present Application, specifically U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/955,763 issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,605,103. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted such that these already considered references are printed on the face of the patent issuing from the present Application pursuant to MPEP §609.02. As such, the Applicants request entry of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Under 35 U.S.C. §120, this application relies on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 09/955,763, filed on September 19, 2001, now Pat. No. 6,605,103, which relies on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 09/504,131 filed on February 15, 2000, now Pat. No. 6,475,228, which relies on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 09/280,312 filed on March 29, 1999, now Pat. No. 6,051,016. The references listed on Form PTO/SB08A were submitted to and/or cited by the Office in these prior applications. In addition, the information disclosure statement submitted in the earlier applications complied with 37 CFR 1.98(a) through (c) such that these references are not required to be provided in this application.

The above identified patent application is being or was filed after June 30, 2003, such that copies of each cited U.S. Patent and each cited U.S. Patent Application Publication are not required to be submitted, see 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii). None of the patents, publications, or other information being provided discloses the inventive concepts claimed in the subject application.

In addition to the above, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C. Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any fees or credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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